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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JULY, 1958

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole of State at 31st March, 1958 -

Males - 359,845

Females - 341,573

Persons - 701,418

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1957 -

Persons - 380,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	335	350	2,666	2,621
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	5.79	6.16	7.59	7.62
Births - Number	1,313	1,346	8,457	8,466
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	22.69	23.69	24.08	24.60
Deaths - Number	453	436	2,601	2,401
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.83	7.67	7.40	6.98
Infant)- Number	31	46	172	184
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.61	34.18	20.34	21.73
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	1	3	11	10
Malignant neoplasms	64	76	424	441
Diabetes mellitus	6	4	18	30
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	2	6	9
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	50	329	260
Diseases of the heart	144	129	798	691
Hypertension with heart disease	14	7	73	59
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	5	26	28
Arteriosclerosis	10	10	57	60
Influenza	-	1	2	3
Pneumonia	14	14	94	71
Bronchitis	6	8	28	21
Other respiratory diseases	1	9	25	33
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	-	19	18
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	18	9
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	6	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	-	15	11
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	4	27	35
Diseases of the prostate	5	5	30	27
Maternal causes	-	-	3	3
Diseases of early infancy	18	28	101	119
Motor vehicle accidents	10	15	89	81
Other accidents	13	17	84	99
Suicide	4	5	44	48
All other causes	57	43	274	232
Total:	453	436	2,601	2,401

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, 1958, totalled 555,498 acres, an increase of 49,581 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,419,301 acres, an increase of 480,042 acres on the corresponding period of 1957.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,105,524	3,994,405	57,053,977	54,330,934
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 16. 4	5. 15. 5	81. 13. 7	79. 7. 5
Expenditure	4,917,764	4,581,076	58,177,307	56,243,302
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 19. 5	6. 12. 4	83. 5. 9	82. 3. 4

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of July, 1958, amounted to £66,414,148 or £94.0.1 per head of population as against £63,055,363 or £91.0.2 per head at the end of July, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

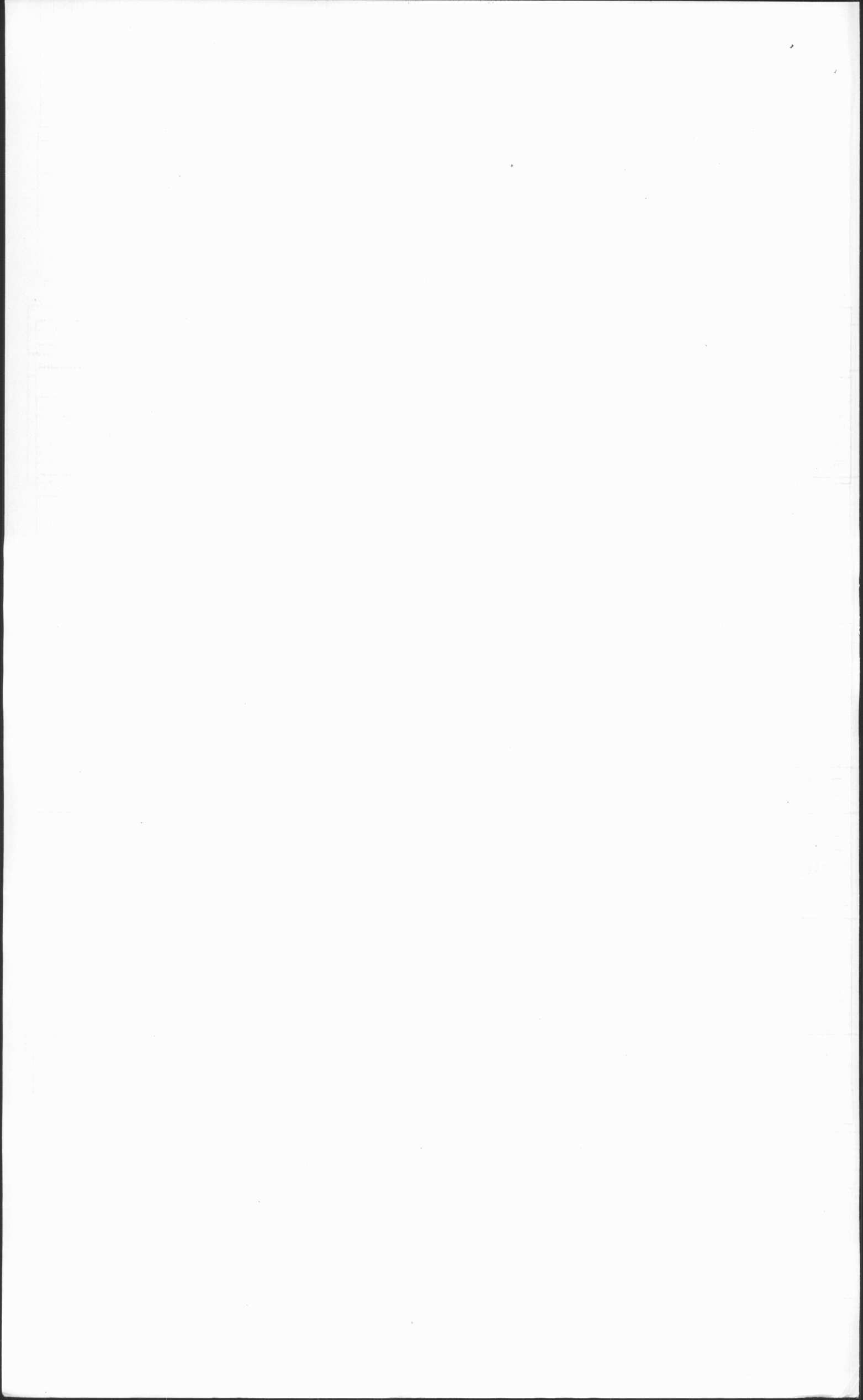
The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 30th July, 1958, amounted to £14,523,967 compared with £14,718,704 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,851	1,810	19,915	18,010
	£.	3,151,383	2,951,890	34,565,194	27,998,808
Mortgages	No.	1,500	1,400	15,411	13,600
	£.	2,947,007	2,763,169	29,408,045	24,695,090
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,093	1,050	11,695	10,566

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
July, 1958	4,709,405	3,071,635	10,891,429	612,307
July, 1957	2,760,175	2,634,018	9,742,357	402,756
Twelve Months ended June, 1958	46,404,538	34,809,803	131,057,637	6,869,254
Twelve Months ended June, 1957	41,893,863	25,796,393	126,243,946	6,345,967



COMPANIES REGISTERED

27 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,830,000 and 7 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 50 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,161,000 and 8 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Month of July					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	15	24,306	6,045	5	23,271	19,427
Deeds of Assignment (a)	7	34,313	43,994	17	66,721	56,592
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,073,976	922,144	12,975,176	14,044,111
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,356,597	1,370,841	14,842,662	16,011,316
Train Miles Run	No.	593,277	613,971	7,326,966	8,277,986
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)232,246	(b)260,071	1,371,695	1,458,833
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	971,782	1,252,159	14,106,277	13,270,900
Motor Bus	No.	17,338	21,022	277,943	305,315
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>					
Paying Goods		294,585	250,273	3,455,268	4,075,037
Livestock		9,435	10,503	133,646	147,994
Departmental (Free Freight)		65,293	47,868	673,131	665,911
Total:		369,313	308,644	4,262,045	4,888,942
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		49,001,685	43,449,749	554,317,761	649,041,934
Livestock		1,265,167	1,536,312	17,857,965	18,653,075
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,421,030	5,077,861	63,570,556	74,151,574
Total:		55,687,882	50,063,922	635,746,282	741,846,583

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Eight weeks ended 30th June.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	372	177	-	149	648	409	2	192
February	536	225	5	125	860	516	11	173
March	518	199	-	147	875	474	-	198
April	577	190	2	110	938	512	4	157
May	476	227	2	82	773	471	5	113
June	430	202	-	54	742	471	3	87

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,252	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	68,295	24,414	610	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,155	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	615	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,239	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	615	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,245	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	618	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,246	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	621	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,255	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	622	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,259	12,827

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,041	2,794	45,866	40,211	5,232	7,970	94,577	114,328
Interstate	9,083	10,321	97,552	94,340	3,537	6,213	40,284	41,195
Total:	13,124	13,115	143,418	134,551	8,769	14,183	134,861	155,523

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	81,106	74,421	472,036	509,679
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,267,286	1,162,825	7,375,545	7,963,724
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	911,094	1,109,062

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

TABLE I			
Year	Population	Area	Population Density
1900	1,000,000	100,000	10
1910	1,500,000	150,000	10
1920	2,000,000	200,000	10
1930	2,500,000	250,000	10
1940	3,000,000	300,000	10
1950	3,500,000	350,000	10
1960	4,000,000	400,000	10
1970	4,500,000	450,000	10
1980	5,000,000	500,000	10
1990	5,500,000	550,000	10
2000	6,000,000	600,000	10
2010	6,500,000	650,000	10
2020	7,000,000	700,000	10

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE Quarter		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3111	2984	3060	2987	2750	2747	2709	2728
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3256	3191	3241	3178	2636	2647	2614	2630
Northam	3172	3086	3146	3106	2711	2708	2654	2701
Bunbury	3137	3159	3127	3152	2740	2806	2720	2779
Geraldton	3238	3222	3208	3228	2918	2953	2884	2937
Collie	3191	3208	3156	3187	2507	2538	2479	2521

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

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Month	1957 *			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0*	45.3*	184.3*
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.9	182.9			
August	138.1	44.9	183.0			
September	138.4	45.2	183.6			
October	138.7	45.3	184.0			
November	139.2	45.8	185.0			
December	138.9	46.1	185.0			

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

* Revised.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29, 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	232
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	230
July	230	238	231	230	
August	230	239	230	230	
September	232	241	233	232	
October	233	241	233	233	
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
4/8/58	13. 12. 3	8. 17. 0	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 9. 9	8. 15. 4

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

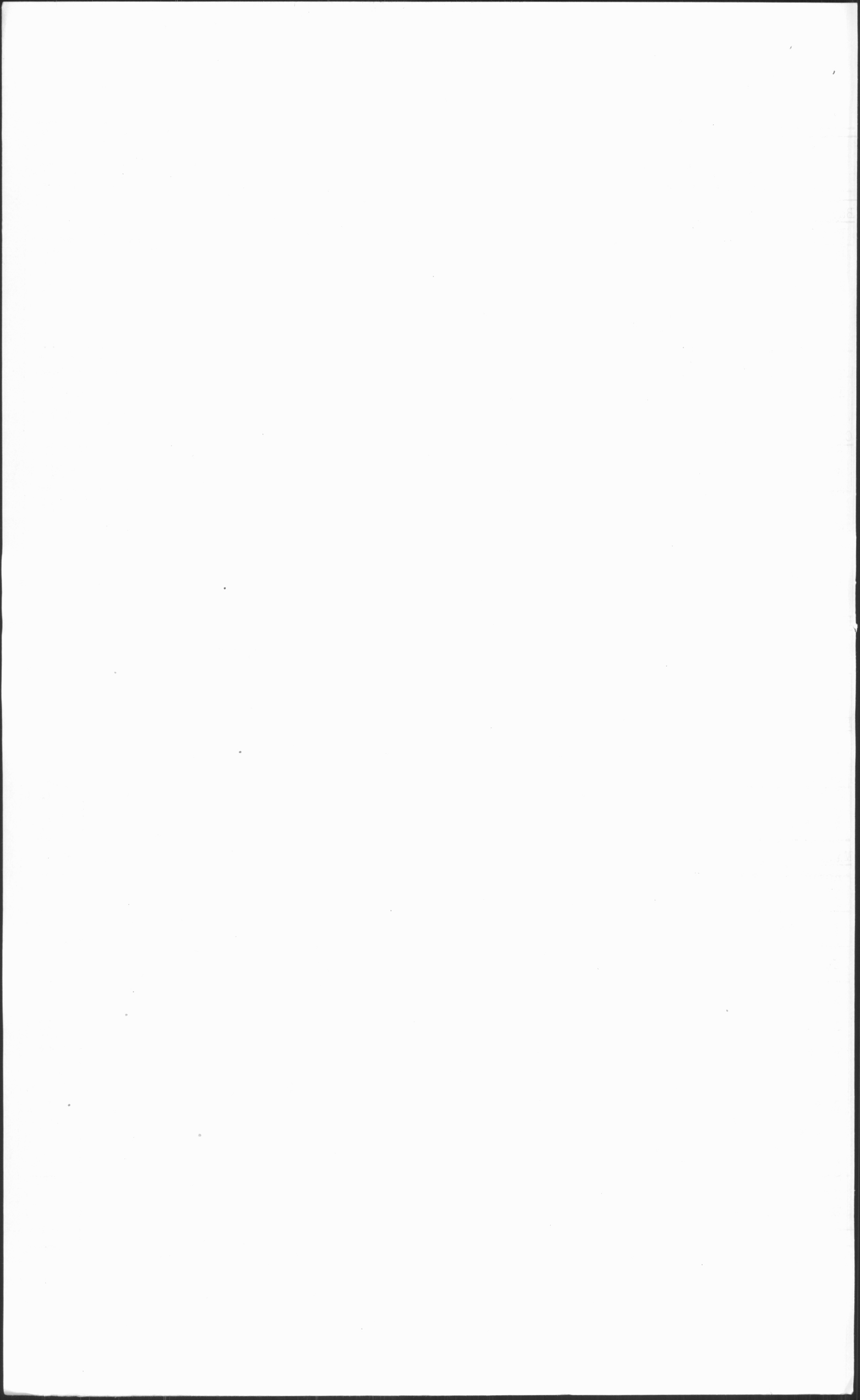
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
June, 1958	19,922	628	57,562	27,613	14,047
June, 1957	15,324	347	40,362	22,051	10,067
12 Months ended June, 1958	145,624	6,628	698,642	628,831	198,645
12 Months ended June, 1957	133,004	4,717	746,089	608,205	139,999

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958 -										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April *	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May *	656	202	218	83	874	285	4	11	271	117
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
Total Six Months ended June	3,179	1,078	1,220	500	4,399	1,578	38	51	1,497	697

* Revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	640	536	5,983	6,128
Bricks - Cement	'000	165	245	1,884	1,973
- Clay	'000	8,943	8,475	101,281	91,682
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	115	140	1,470	1,492
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,267	2,200	25,626	25,759
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	21,314	19,085	306,241	234,366
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	461	725	6,839	5,716
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) /	'000 sup.ft.	18,485(a)	15,746(a)	203,470	204,475
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	878	1,227	11,701	11,561
Pyjamas, Woven (all types)	doz.	520	836	15,068	13,481
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,591	4,402	52,890	48,028
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	267	405	3,839	5,164
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	73	140	1,015	1,678
- 2 piece	no.	1,328	1,542	16,791	17,811
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,069	4,817	57,552	60,118
- Work	no.	16,554	12,850	156,202	147,118
<u>Footwear (incl. Sandals and Slippers)</u>					
Men's and Youths'	pair	33,260	29,879	392,731	452,867
Women's and Maids'	pair	21,681	16,659	224,723	244,611
Children's	pair	15,124	15,022	193,375	235,339
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	457	522	6,604	6,840
Butter	'000 lb.	1,450	1,837	15,111	16,716
Cheese	'000 lb.	174	195	2,364	2,648
Jams	'000 lb.	65	71	629	590
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	66,512	96,010	715,568	678,431
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	332	348	5,863	6,529
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	237	80	1,511	1,658
- Nitric	cwt.	48	46	338	640
- Sulphuric	ton	10,366	10,650	208,192	175,054
Coal	ton	83,351	80,570	855,295	840,807
Cycles, Pedal	no.	369	458	6,552	6,386
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	76,926	72,823	831,874	781,620
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	137	135	1,420	1,451
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,812	1,165	16,504	14,080
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,708	2,408	29,370	23,716
- Woven Wire	no.	2,315	951	28,572	30,588
- Soft Filled	no.	2,686	3,135	37,957	37,004
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	no.	22	23	458	484
Trailers (all types)	no.	13	6	156	209
Perambulators	no.	61	51	806	598
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,544	6,416	79,549	78,849
Superphosphates	ton	26,446	29,767	578,781	482,049
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,081	2,049	25,581	24,349

(a) June figures, July not available.

/ Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.4	10.7	19.4	16.4	28.1	11.4	7.4	6.3	31.8	158.9	46.6
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

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AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	1957						1958						
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	24. 7	36. 6	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3
Oranges - Navel	bush.	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7
- Val.	bush.	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6
- Other	bush.	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31.10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 2	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	20.10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	40.10	19.10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	31.11	24.11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate \neq	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6	16. 3	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3
Cauliflowers	dozen	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2
Lettuce	crate	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9
Table Celery	doz.head	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4
Beetroot	cwt.	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64.11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5
Carrots	cwt.	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1
Swedes	cwt.	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42.10	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1
Runner Beans	lb.	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5
Peas	lb.	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5	1. 9	1.10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3
Pumpkin	bag	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17.11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 6	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	18.11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	45. 0.0	\neq	\neq	\neq	ϕ	31.15.0	31.15.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. \neq No Local onions available. \neq 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. ϕ No Board price, onions sold only by auction this month.

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AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	1957						1958						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4.10	3.17. 9	3.13. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1
Lambs - In Wool	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8
- Shorn	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3.17.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3
Hoggets - In Wool	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10
- Shorn	3. 4. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2
- Shorn	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	2. 2.10	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3
Wethers - In Wool	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	-	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3
- Shorn	3.14. 5	3. 3.11	2.16. 7	2.10.10	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5.10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10
Heifers	43.13. 3	39. 2.10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	39.15. 9	38. 7. 3
Cows	48.16.10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6	36. 8.10	36.13. 6	34.18. 0	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1
Steers	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11
Bullocks	50.17.10	45.19. 0	43.11.10	45. 7. 4	46. 6.11	44.15.11	43. 4. 0	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0.11	3. 8. 2	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 1. 0	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1
Perkers	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8	7.10.10	7.11. 2	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6.10	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10
Baconers	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	11. 9.10	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9

∅ Decrease in price mainly due to a seasonal influx of light weight Baby Beef.

